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X. Army attack Saigon reiterates expectation heavy Viet Minh delta campaign.

A. Redeployment battle corps  
resuming completion.

B. Viet Minh combat strength:

C. French combat strength:

II. Attacking poor piecemeal use of divisions,  
not large assault.

III. Indications French may withdraw to  
Haiphong.

A. Saigon fears inability hold Hanoi,  
says rather than another Dien  
Bien Phu he would withdraw to  
Haiphong.

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**E. Attaché estimates withdrawal**

would occur within 30 days of  
major attack--city low on coal  
and rice supplies.

**IV. Continued attacks expected meanwhile  
on Hanoi-Haiphong routes and in  
southern delta.**

A. Cutting of Hanoi's supply routes  
to be intensified.

B. Three-regiment task force  
organized to take Phu Ly.

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**V. Further action indicated northern  
Laos.**

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VII. Ely-Salan team may indicate French ~~hope~~ hope for early settlement.

- A. Ely essentially staff officer.
- B. Salan's defensive-mindedness.
- C. Salan possibly chosen to administer armistice.
- D. This connection, Dupont favors partition at Col de Nuages, north of Tourane.

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